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Letter from Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1880 Dec 13.

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John and I with little Mary spent Thanksgiving with him and family we had a pleasant time

We expect them to be with us Christmas. O John won't you and your beloved come too

I wish you could see my Chinese Primroses. John you are such a lover of flowers

They are blooming nicely I have the spotted and fringed white and several other colors of pink and purple

I have a nice Calla Lilly and some others but I lost a good many of my plants by moving so late in the season.

but I must close hoping to hear from you very soon. John and the children join me in kind love to yourself and wife.

Sister Maggie

What are you busy with now

Grete Vale Dec 13th 1888

Dear brother John

I hope you and your dear wife are well. I wish ~~we~~ I had an opportunity to get acquainted with my new sister. O John I want to see you so much when do you think you can come now. I do hope you will not put it off again. of course we do not know of all you have to keep you in Cal. but we wish you could put everything one side for a while and come

I is now over a month since we left Mother Brother. Sisters. and our many friends for this still more western state. of course it seems rather

lonely yet not being accompanied
but I think perhaps we shall
like it after a while. indeed I need
not say we. For John likes it very
much. and the children seem
to be all very happy and contented
it is only old and half sick
folks like me who find it rather
hard to get accustomed to new
things. but I must say we
are very comfortable.

There is good schools here.
also a college Mince and Jesse
(having graduated from the Postage
school) are anxious to attend.

I think they will begin next
term. Harry, Mary (and even
my baby) John Chubb. has attended
school here almost since we
first came.

Henry Reed teaches in one
of the schools here

John keeps quite busy as
usual. he has an interest in
a herd of cattle and sheep stocked
here. and his part of the business
is to buy stock for the market
and keep the books.

I suppose you are
aware that Brother Dan moved
to Lincoln last summer, which
is about twenty miles from here.
his lungs troubled ^{him} very much
before he came here, he felt very
uneasy about himself. but I am
glad to say he seems to have
fully regained his health, and
is looking well and in the best
of spirits. Dan has not been practicing
medicine since he came here until a
week or two ago. but has been going
back and forth to his farm about
15 miles out, building a little and
getting things started generally.